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VERTICAL FILE USE OF ABC GRADE LABELS
MICROGRAPHIC MATERIAL ON CANNED FOOD SUGGESTS
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"It's as simple as ABC for homemakers to pick out the exact quality they want in canned fruits and vegetables that carry these grade labels," says _____.

"Grade A, Grade B, and Grade C - official grade terms which may be found this year on millions of canned fruit and vegetable labels - have definite meanings. They help in making food-budget dollars do their utmost," she says. "To use labels to best advantage, the homemaker will probably want to know the difference in quality among the three grades. Then she can figure which grade is best for her menu and pocketbook."

To brief the meanings of these grades developed by the U. S. Department of Agriculture's Marketing Service _____ quotes "The ABC of Canned Fruit and Vegetable Labeling," a leaflet recently issued by the U. S. Department of Agriculture in Washington, D. C., and which is free upon request:

"Grade A (Fancy).--Only the finest canned fruits and vegetables are in this grade. They are carefully selected as to size, color, degree of maturity, and freedom from blemishes. The fruits are meaty, highly colored, and ripe. They are almost always packed in sirup, which may be extra heavy (very sweet), heavy (sweet), light (somewhat sweet), or in water slightly sweetened. For certain purposes, fruit may be packed in water without any sweetening. Grade A canned vegetables are the most tender and succulent produced.

"Grade B (Choice).--Products in Grade B are of excellent quality, though not quite so well selected for color, size, and maturity as Grade A products. Grade B canned fruits are well developed and well colored, and are packed in sirup or water as described for Grade A. Grade B canned vegetables are not quite so succulent and tender as those of Grade A.

"Grade C (Standard).--Products in Grade C are of good quality but are not so uniform in color, size, and maturity as Grade B products. Grade C canned fruit may not be so highly colored, or so carefully selected as to size and symmetry, and though mature, may vary somewhat in ripeness. Fruit may be packed in sirup or water. Grade C vegetables, though less tender, in some cases may have more food value than either Grade A or Grade B because they usually are more fully mature than the products in the higher grades."

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